

8:00AM DIVINE SERVICE 9th Sunday after Pentecost

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AS WE GATHER

Happiness and contentment are hard to find. Even with our abundance of possessions and opportunity, our hearts remain restless for things new and different, for the promise of something better. Paul reminds us that contentment does not come from having everything we desire, but with faith in the Lord, who is gracious and merciful and supplies all our needs. Today, we hear the terrible news of John the Baptist's martyrdom and a crowd restless with hunger. In the midst of it all, Jesus shows forth grace to rest our fears and satisfy us with all we need. We pray that we learn to trust in the Lord and to find contentment and peace in His grace sufficient for all things.

PRELUDE "Christ, the Bread"

James Southbridge

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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+ Service of the word +

INTROIT

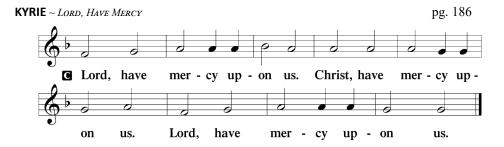
Psalm 105:39–43; antiphon: v. 1

³⁹He spread a cloud for a covering, and fire to give light by night.

- ⁴⁰They asked, and He brought quail, and gave them bread from heaven in abundance.
- ⁴¹He opened the rock, and water gushed out; it flowed through the desert like a river.
- ⁴²For He remembered His holy promise, and Abraham, His servant.
- ⁴³So He brought His people out with joy, His chosen ones with singing.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

¹Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!







SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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P The Lord be with you.



Let us pray...Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



OLD TESTATMENT READING

Isaiah 55:1-5

(Come, all who hunger and thirst, and the Lord will satisfy you with all that you need)

¹"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to Me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to Me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, My steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for He has glorified you.

L This is the Word of the Lord.C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 136:1-9; antiphon: v. 26

- ¹Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever.
- ²Give thanks to the God of gods, for His steadfast love endures forever.
- ³Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for His steadfast love endures forever;
- ⁴to Him who alone does great wonders, for His steadfast love endures forever;
- ⁵to Him who by understanding made the heavens, for His steadfast love endures forever;
- ⁶to Him who spread out the earth above the waters, for His steadfast love endures forever;

⁷ to Him who made the great lights,
for His steadfast love endures forever;

⁸the sun to rule over the day, for His steadfast love endures forever;

⁹the moon and stars to rule over the night, for His steadfast love endures forever;

G Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

²⁶Give thanks to the God of heaven, for His steadfast love endures forever.

EPISTLE (*Paul anguished over the people of Israel*) Romans 9:1–5 (6–13)

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—²that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

⁶But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, ⁷and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." ⁸This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. ⁹For this is what the promise said: "About this time next year I will return and Sarah shall have a son." ¹⁰And not only so, but also when Rebecca had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, ¹¹though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of His call—¹²she was told, "The older will serve the younger." ¹³As it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

L This is the Word of the Lord.C Thanks be to God.

VERSE

Psalm 78:25

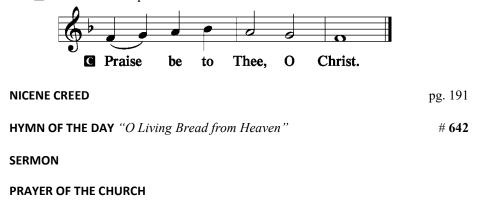
 Alleluia.
Man ate of the bread of the angels; he sent them food in abundance. Alleluia. **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14th chapter.



¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], He withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by Himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed Him on foot from the towns.

¹⁴When He went ashore He saw a great crowd, and He had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵Now when it was evening, the disciples came to Him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They said to Him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." ¹⁸And He said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then He broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.





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P The Lord be with you.





LORD'S PRAYER

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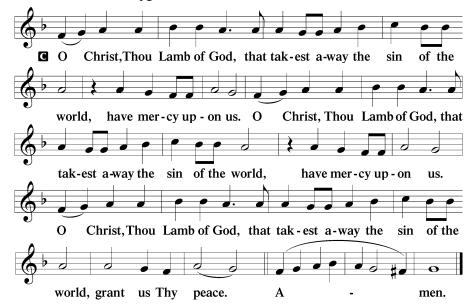
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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

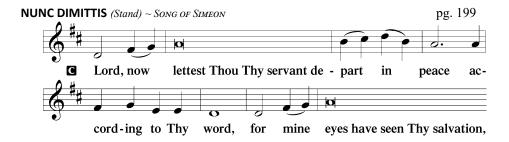


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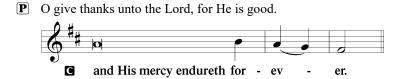
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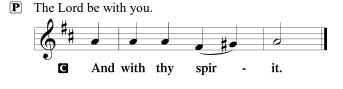
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P Bless we the Lord.



BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN "Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death"

POSTLUDE — *BEACH SPRING*

arr. Charles Callahan

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